

REMARKS

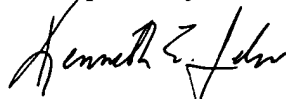
Claims 1-48 are canceled without prejudice to future prosecution and claims 49-69 are added. Therefore, claims 49-69 are pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 49-69 are supported throughout the specification and claims as filed. In addition, claims 49-69 are of equal or lesser scope than claims 112-132 of the parent U.S. Application No.10/004,122, which were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 9, 2003 and deleted before issuance. Therefore, no new matter is added with this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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